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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It depends upon the subject they had taken. Tamil Pandits should have specialized in Tamil. Apart from the training they have for becoming Tamil Pandits, persons seeking admission to such a training should have some basic knowledge of Tamil.

3-10 p.m. SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : As they are already qualified both in Sanskrit and in Tamil, they can be admitted if Government so desire. If not, will the Government be pleased to provide separate training for the Sanskrit Pandits or at least exempt these Pandits from such training for promotion to the first grade?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is a different matter and the hon. Member may put a separate question, Sir.

*Text-books in non-language subjects in Forms I to III*

* 108 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the use of prescribed text-books in respect of non-language subjects in Forms I to III is compulsory; and

(*b*) if so, the orders issued by the Government in this regard?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The use of prescribed text-books by pupils is essential, though not compulsory.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Government please allow such of those schools or classes as could pull on without these text-books to do so without departmental interference or compulsion?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, the question is not whether they would be able to carry on without text-books. I do agree that if we have got well-equipped teachers, they may be able to do without text-books. But generally it will be good to have text-books and we have not made it compulsory, but we have said that it would be good if they have text-books.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Sir, in view of the fact that the prescription of these text-books has resulted in less regard for the teacher, loss of memory and inattention in class, will the Governmemnt, as a first step, abolish the use of text-books for History, Mathematics and English Grammar in Form I and then gradually extend it to Forms II and III?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I am not prepared to subscribe to what the hon. Member has stated. Perhaps it may be his opinion and I do not know whether other experts would agree with him in thinking that the prescription of text-books tends to make the students forgetful or disobedient to their teachers. That is a different problem and that has to be tackled in a different way and not by abolishing text-books.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : As the last question, may I request the Government to consider this question whether by the prescription of text-books in large numbers in recent years, cultivation of personality has suffered and whether pupils attach more importance to the text-books than to the teachers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It all depends upon the system of education we impart; we do not aim that it should be purely bookish; we aim at the development of personality as a whole. That is why in the lower classes, the system of basic education without text-books is generally followed.

*Provision of shelters at bus-stops in the City*

* 109 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any scheme under the consideration of the Government for the provision of shelter at all the bus-stops in the City; and

(*b*) whether private philanthropy is proposed to be tapped for the purpose?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) It has been decided to provide for the present shelters at 35 bus-stops in the City. Other bus-stops will be taken up in due course for provision of shelters.

(*b*) No. Sir.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. Minister please enlighten us on what the financial arrangement is for construction of passenger shelters in the City, whether the Corporation of Madras is putting up such sheds and whether the Government are giving any financial help in the shape of grants or loans for construction of such shelters?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : We have given the Corporation by way ex-gratia grant Rs. 1 lakh for improving traffic arrangements. The Corporation was asked to spend about Rs. 15,000 out of that. The Director of Government Transport submitted a report stating that he required 35 shelters to be put up immediately. The cost of this would be nearly Rs. 43,000. We have asked the Corporation to come up before the Government for any further assistance. Already, the Corporation has undertaken to provide these 35 shelters and five of them have already been constructed and the rest are ready for completion in the course of three or four months.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Sir, what is the probable cost of each shelter and has any attempt been made to have the work done by charitably disposed gentlemen who come forward to do so? May I suggest that an appeal be made to them through the Transport authorities so that private charitable agencies may be utilized for this purpose?